

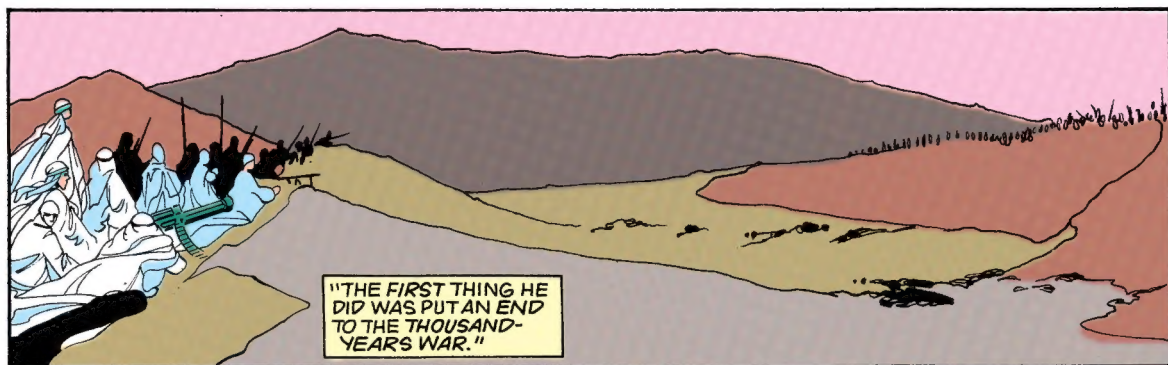


# VALOR

WAID,  
DORAN,  
FARMER &  
MCDOWELL



**DOA**  
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"NOT BAD FOR A DAY'S WORK!"

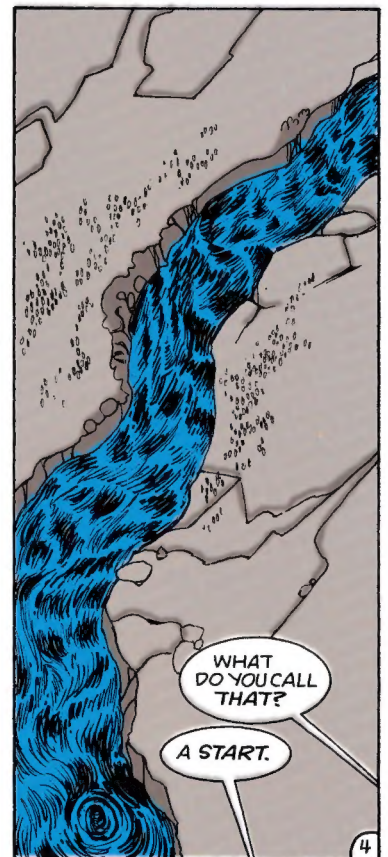
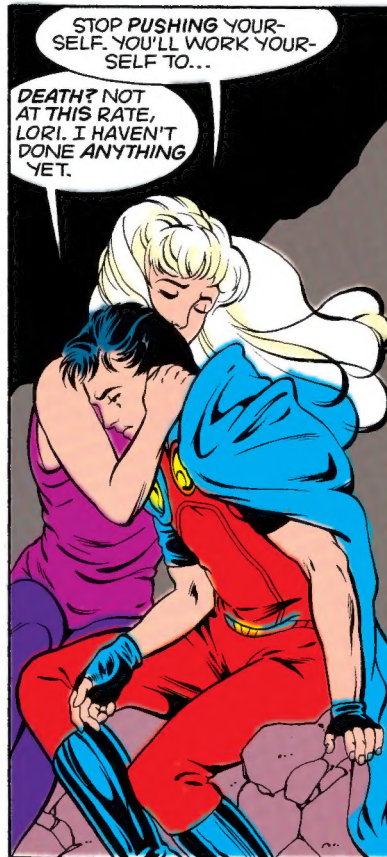
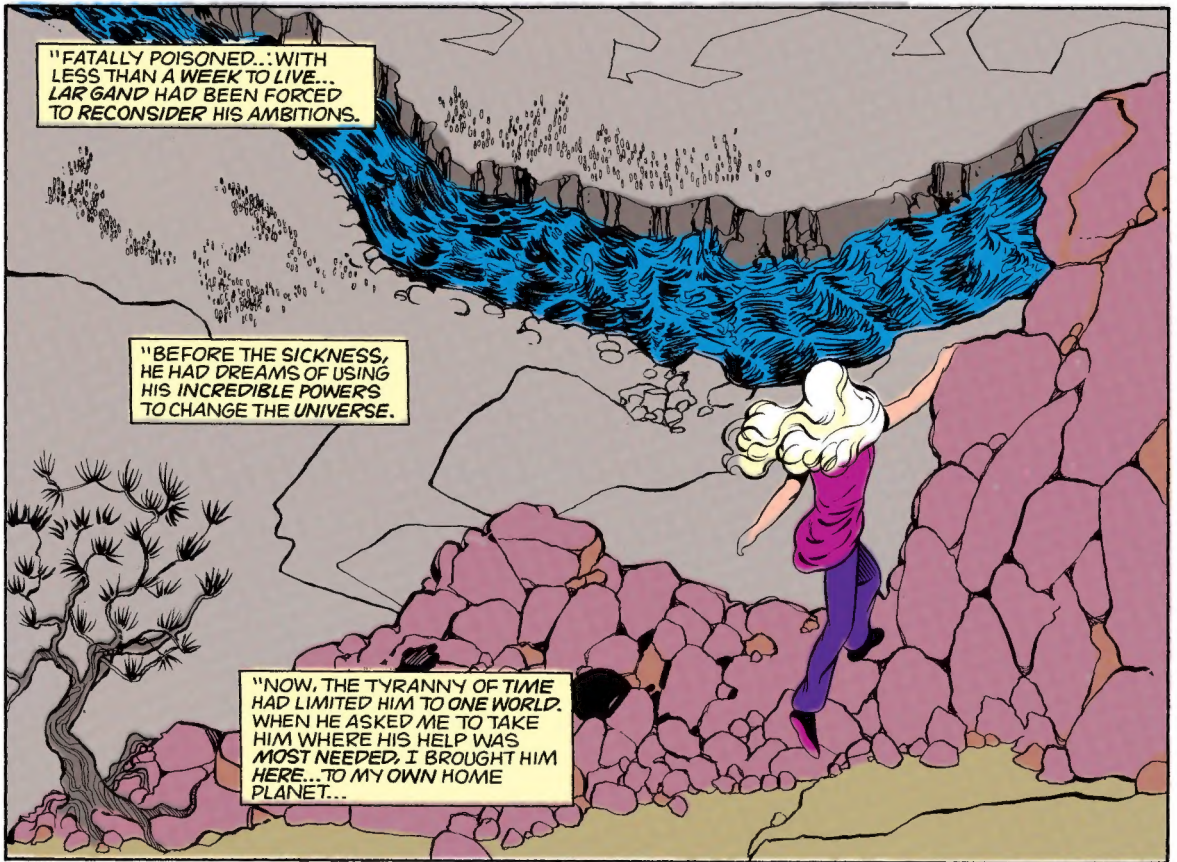
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# DOA. ABSOLUTE POWER

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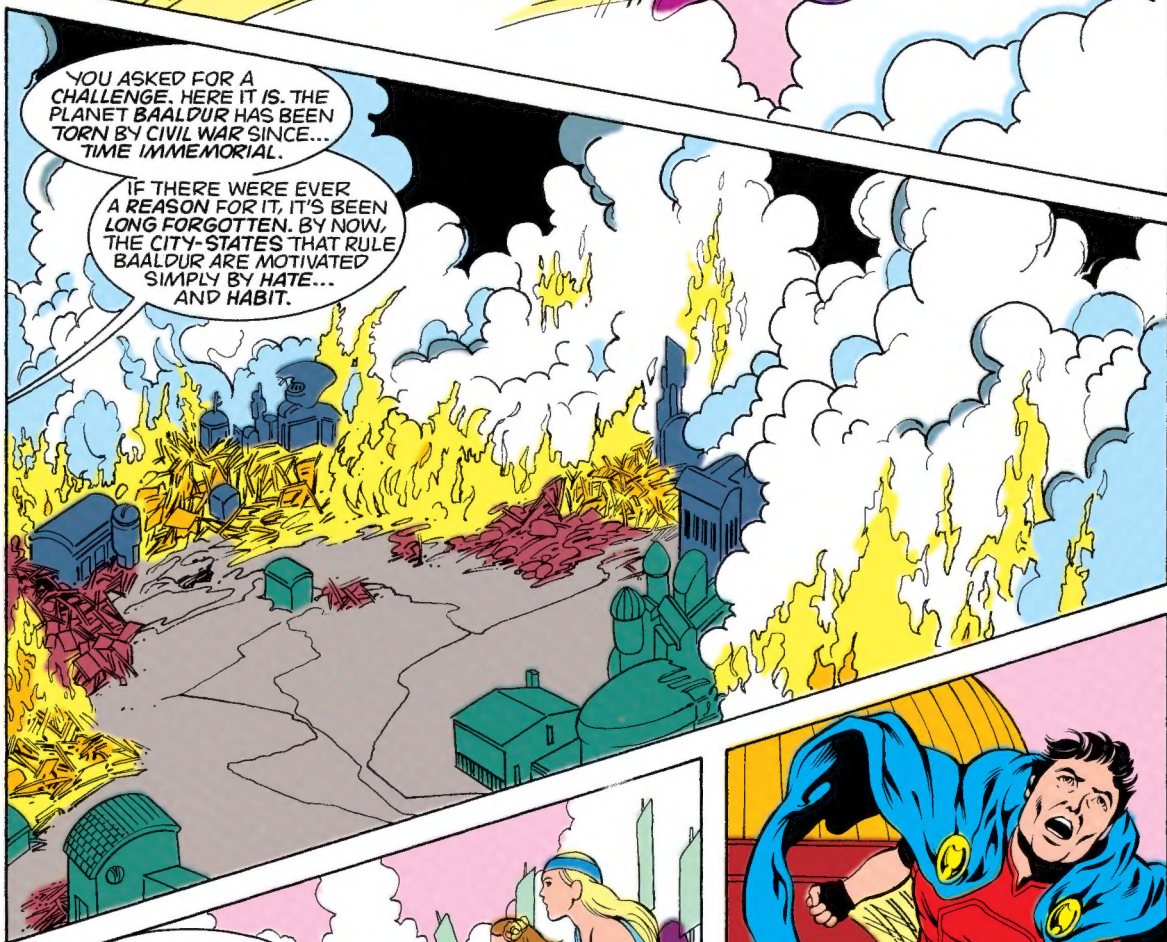






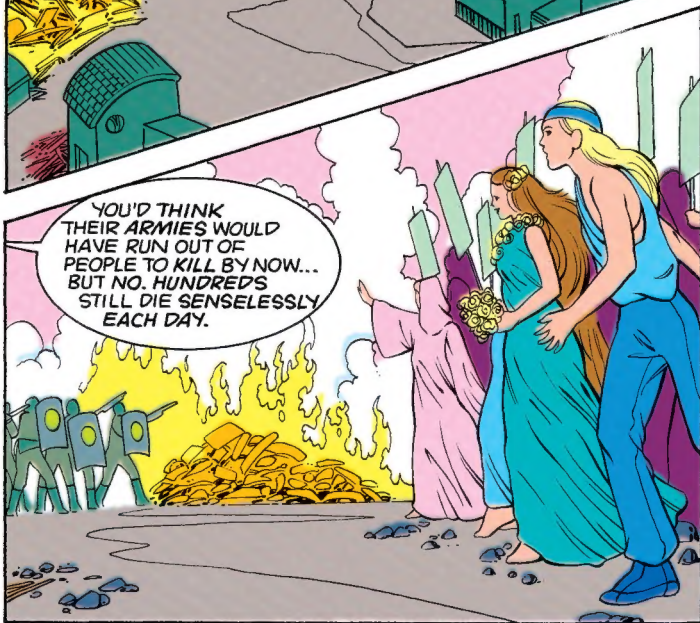
FINE. YOU WANT TO SNATCH ORDER FROM THE JAWS OF CHAOS, THEN JUST FOLLOW MY LEAD.

YOU'RE THE TOUR GUIDE. WHAT KIND OF WAR-RIPPED HELLHOLE IS THIS PLACE?

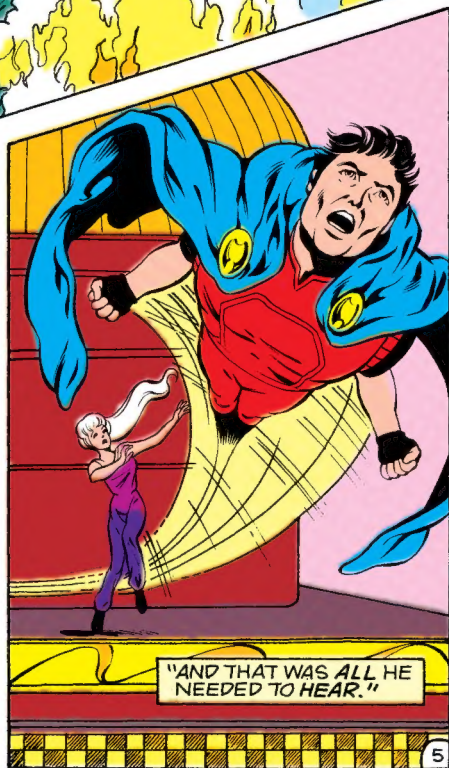


YOU ASKED FOR A CHALLENGE. HERE IT IS. THE PLANET BAALDUR HAS BEEN TORN BY CIVIL WAR SINCE... TIME IMMEMORIAL.

IF THERE WERE EVER A REASON FOR IT, IT'S BEEN LONG FORGOTTEN. BY NOW, THE CITY-STATES THAT RULE BAALDUR ARE MOTIVATED SIMPLY BY HATE... AND HABIT.

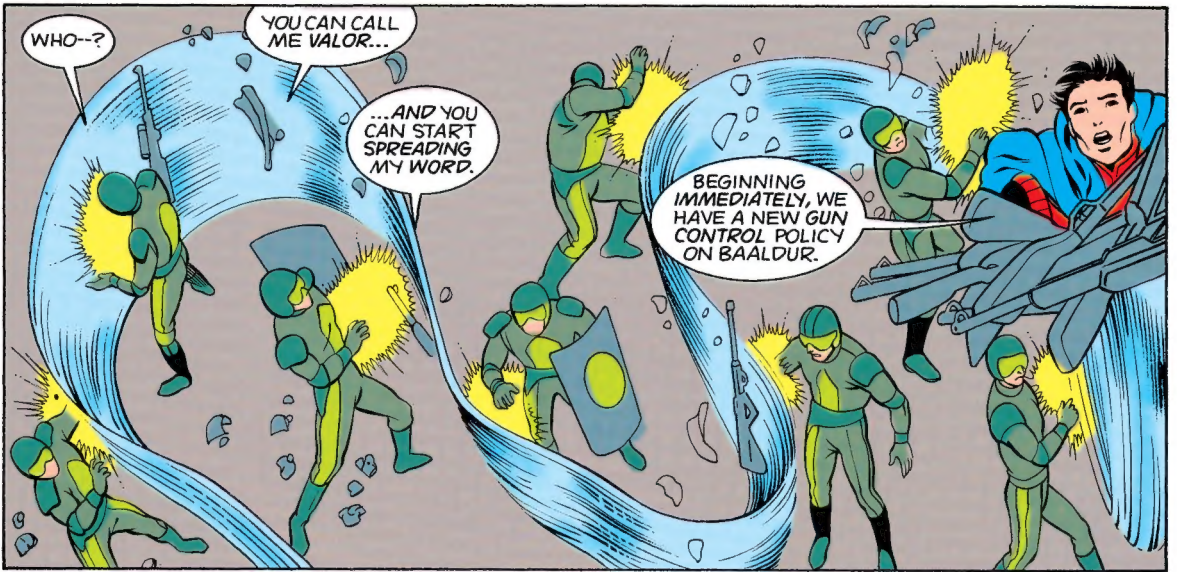


YOU'D THINK THEIR ARMIES WOULD HAVE RUN OUT OF PEOPLE TO KILL BY NOW... BUT NO. HUNDREDS STILL DIE SENSELESSLY EACH DAY.

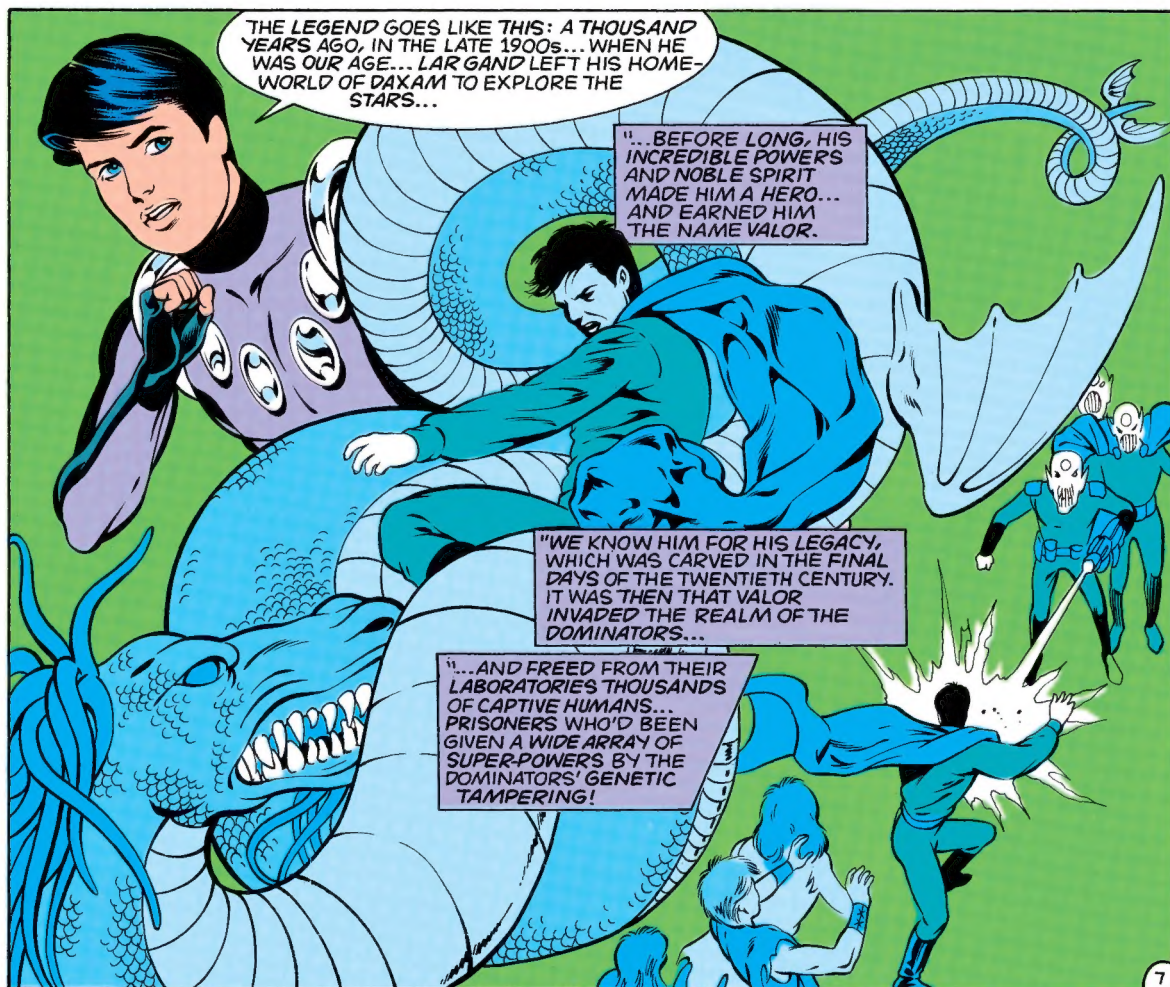


"AND THAT WAS ALL HE NEEDED TO HEAR."













"IN ORDER TO HIDE THEM FROM THEIR FORMER CAPTORS, VALOR SCATTERED THESE HUMANS ACROSS THE GALAXY AND HELPED THEM COLONIZE NEW WORLDS.

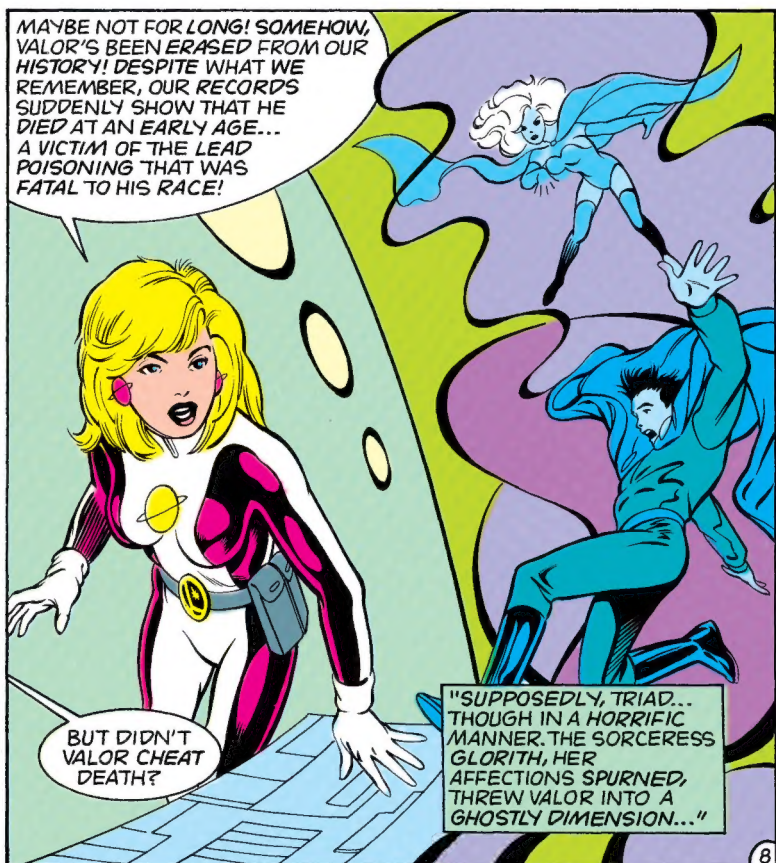
"AS A RESULT, MANY OF THOSE PLANETS BRED ENTIRE RACES OF META-HUMANS OVER THE NEXT THOUSAND YEARS."



SO...?

SO MOST OF THE LEGIONNAIRES HAIL FROM THOSE WORLDS! WITHOUT VALOR'S ACTIONS, WE WOULDN'T BE HERE!

THEN WHERE'S THE CRISIS? YOU ARE HERE!

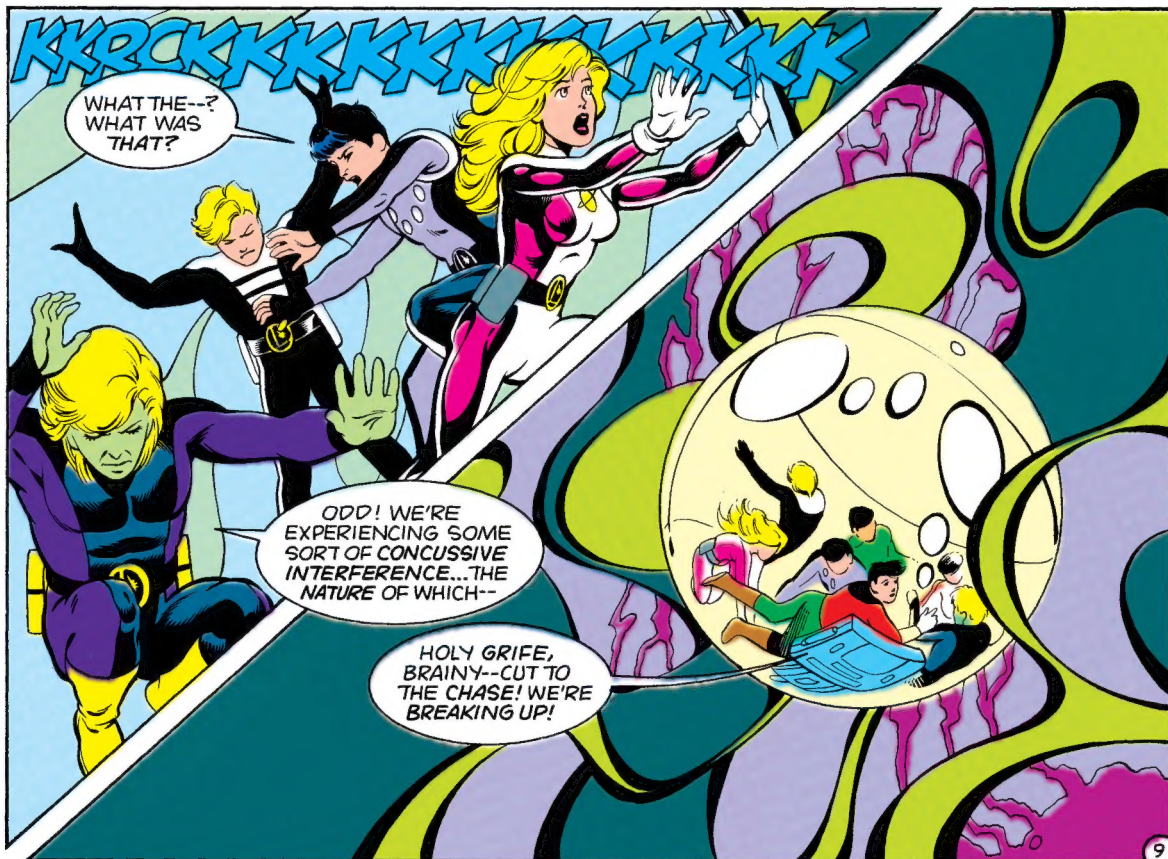
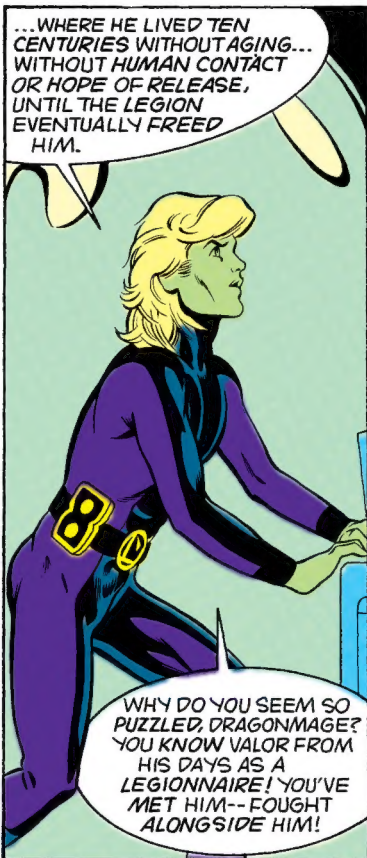


MAYBE NOT FOR LONG! SOMEHOW, VALOR'S BEEN ERASED FROM OUR HISTORY! DESPITE WHAT WE REMEMBER, OUR RECORDS SUDDENLY SHOW THAT HE DIED AT AN EARLY AGE... A VICTIM OF THE LEAD POISONING THAT WAS FATAL TO HIS RACE!

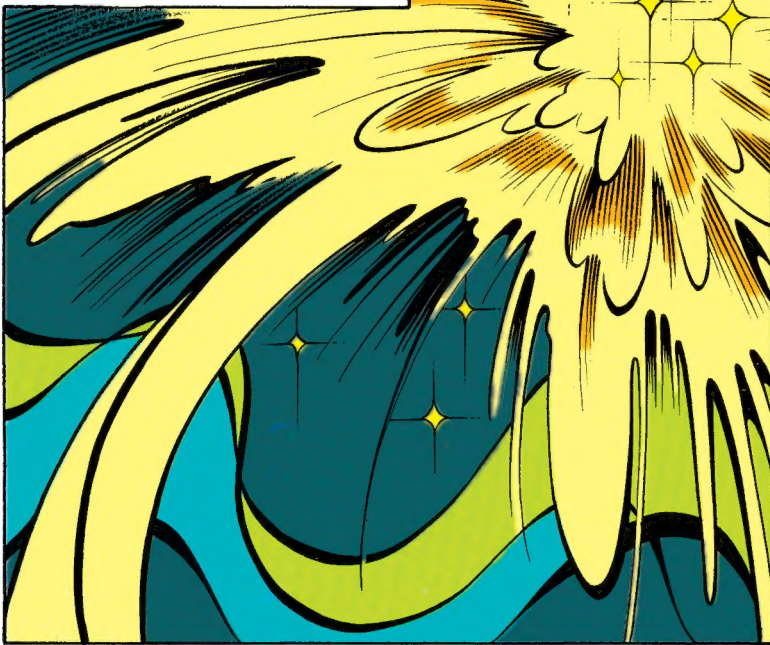
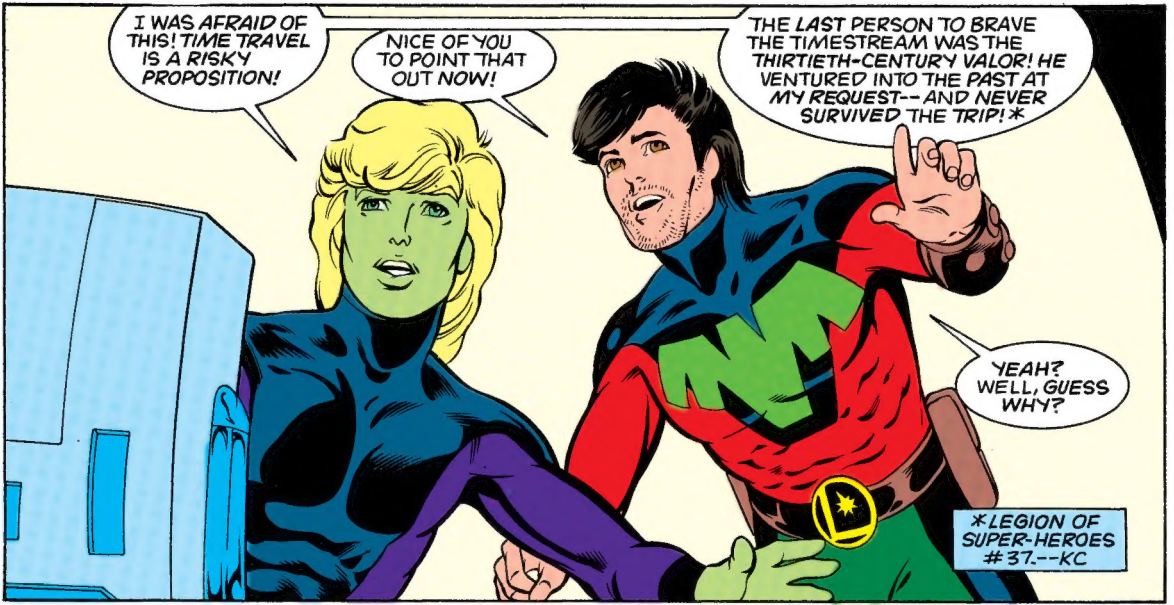
BUT DIDN'T VALOR CHEAT DEATH?

"SUPPOSEDLY, TRIAD... THOUGH IN A HORRIFIC MANNER, THE SORCERESS GLORITH, HER AFFECTIONS SPURNED, THREW VALOR INTO A GHOSTLY DIMENSION..."

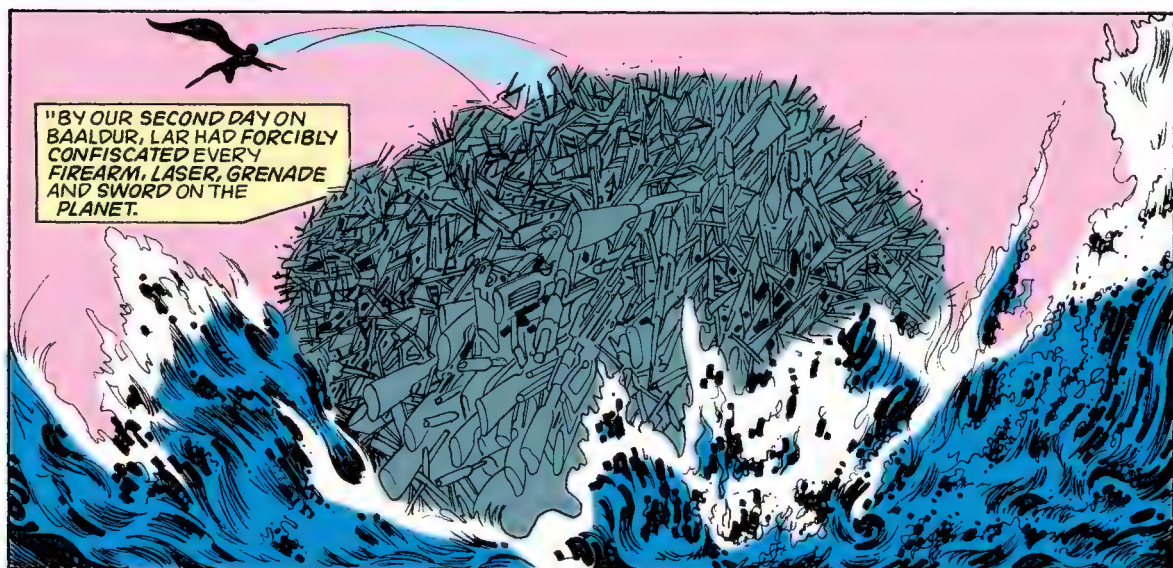




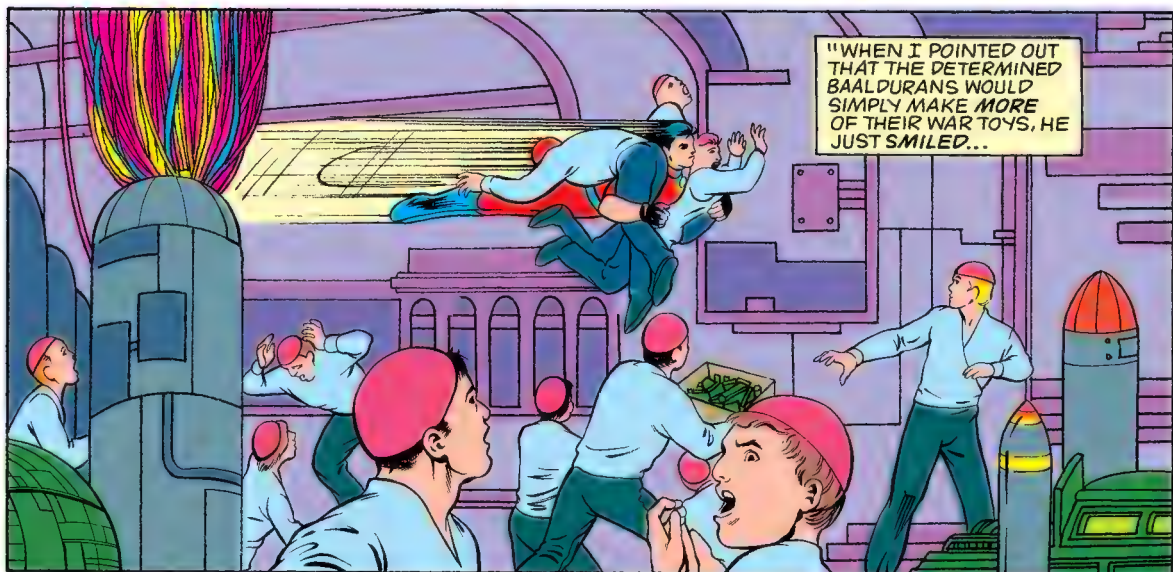




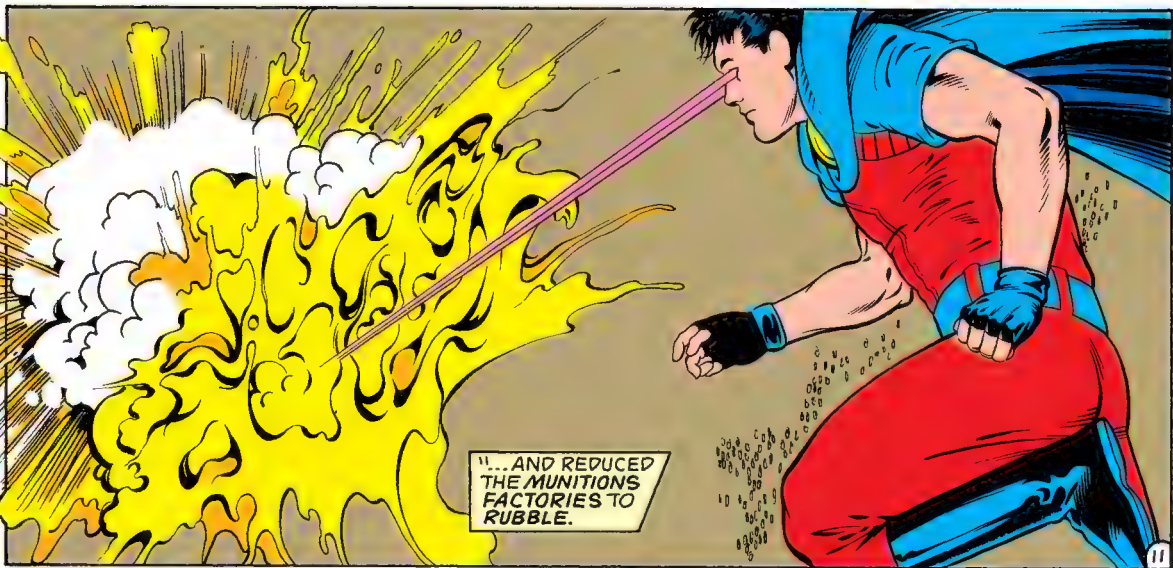




"BY OUR SECOND DAY ON BAALDUR, LAR HAD FORCIBLY CONFISCATED EVERY FIREARM, LASER, GRENADE AND SWORD ON THE PLANET.



"WHEN I POINTED OUT THAT THE DETERMINED BAALDURANS WOULD SIMPLY MAKE MORE OF THEIR WAR TOYS, HE JUST SMILED...

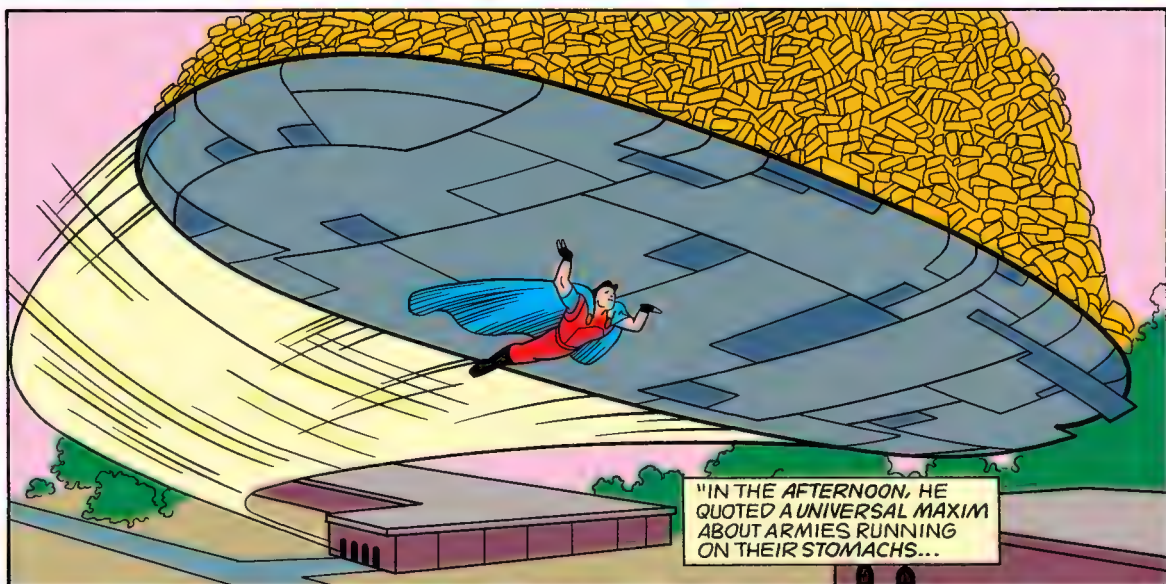


"...AND REDUCED THE MUNITIONS FACTORIES TO RUBBLE.

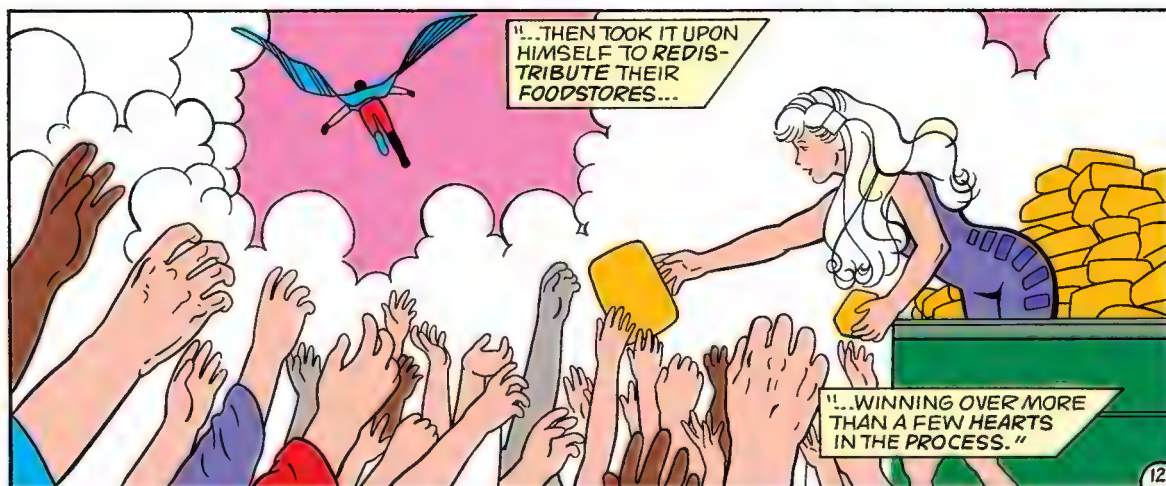




"STILL, THE ARMIES OF BAALDUR MARCHED EVER ONWARD. IN THE MORNING, LAR DECIMATED THEIR TANKS AND ARTILLERY."



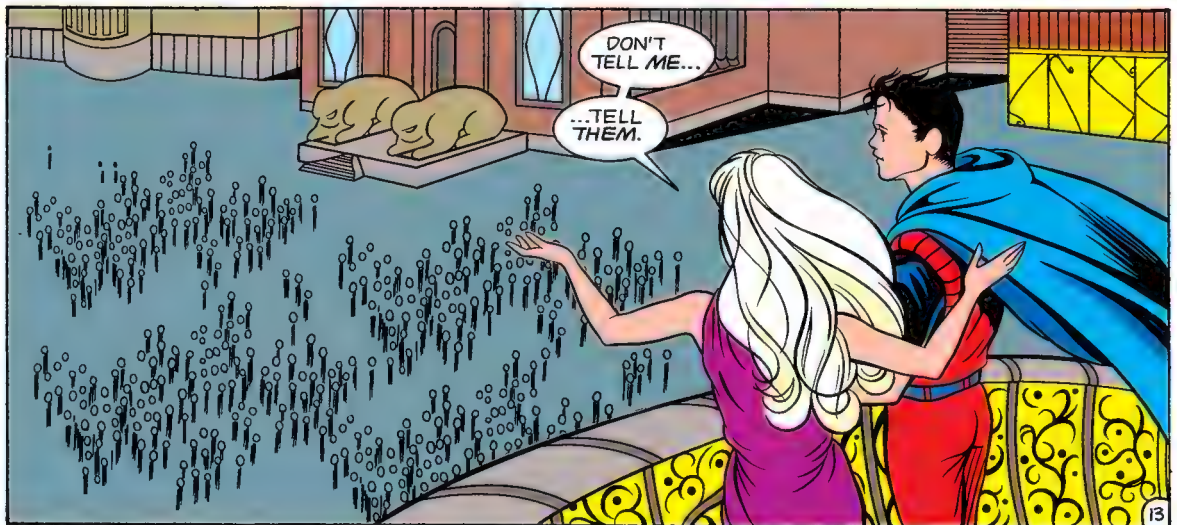
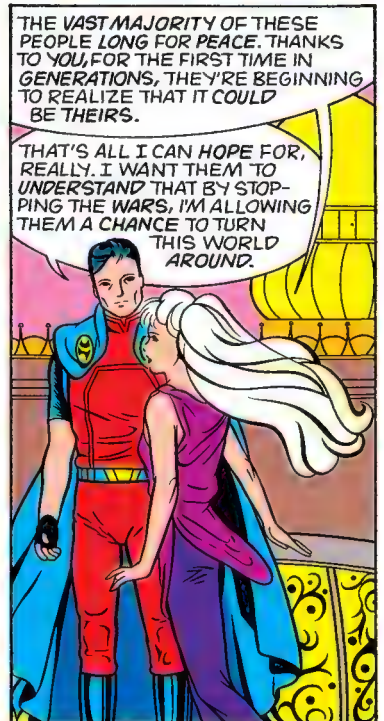
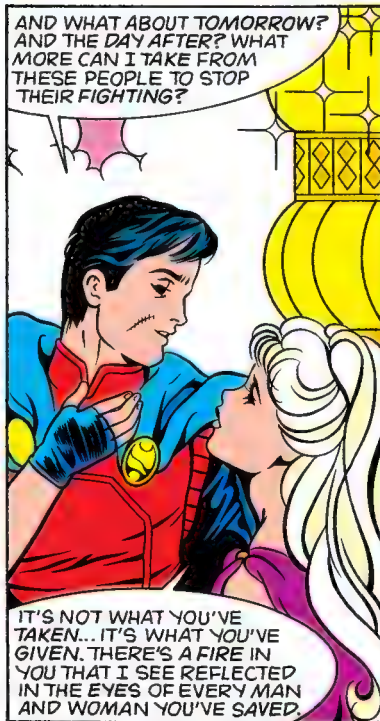
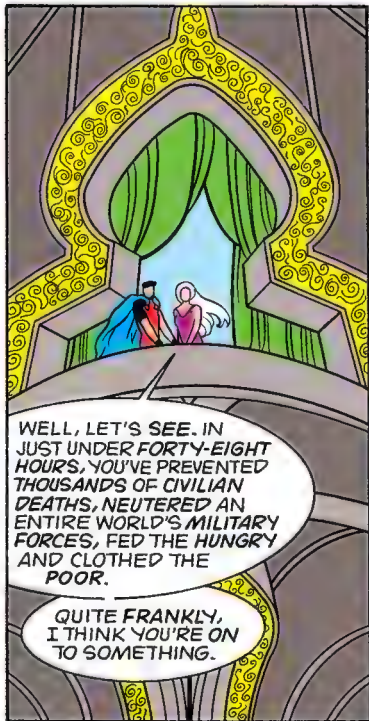
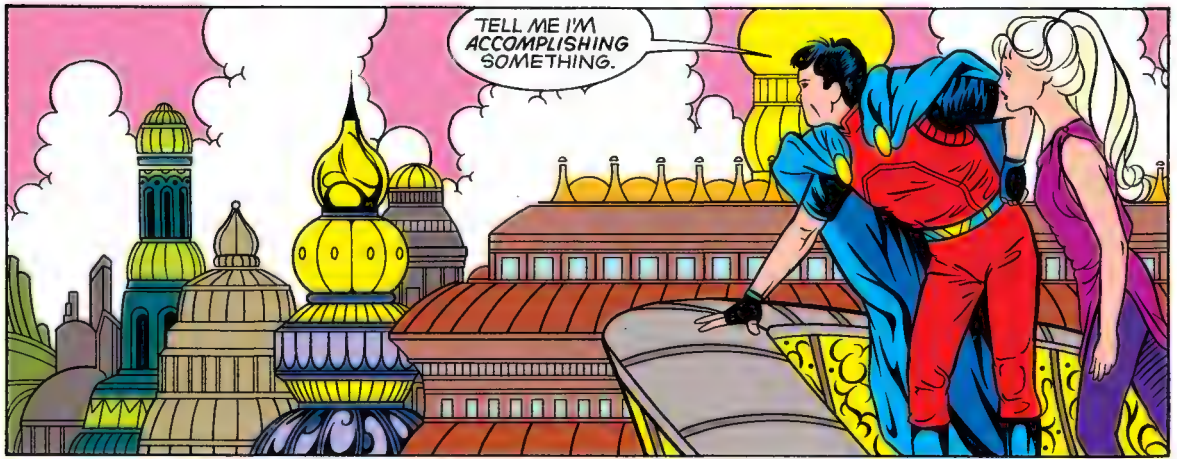
"IN THE AFTERNOON, HE QUOTED A UNIVERSAL MAXIM ABOUT ARMIES RUNNING ON THEIR STOMACHS..."



"...THEN TOOK IT UPON HIMSELF TO REDISTRIBUTE THEIR FOODSTORES..."

"...WINNING OVER MORE THAN A FEW HEARTS IN THE PROCESS."









"AND HE DID."

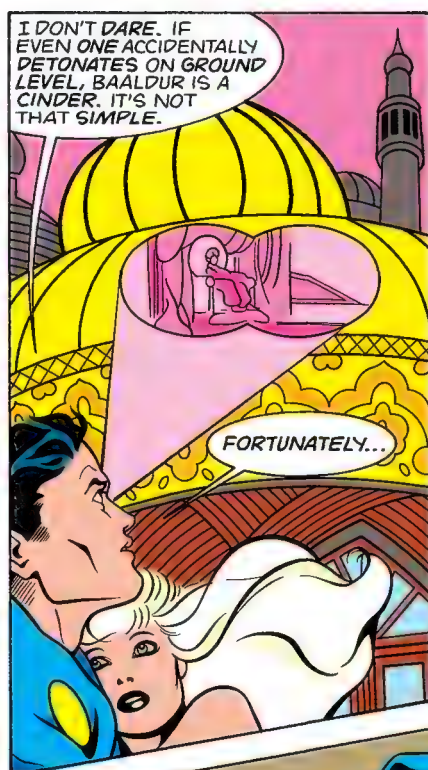
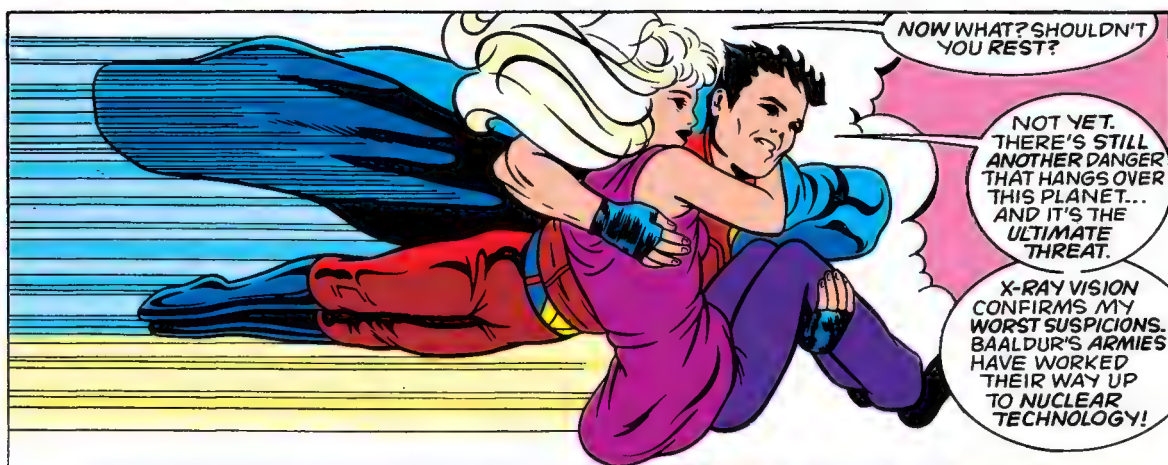


"MOVING AT TOP SPEED, LAR FILLED EACH SECOND WITH AN HOUR'S WORK. WITHIN MINUTES, HE USED HIS TECHNOLOGICAL KNOWHOW TO REPROGRAM THE TELENETWORKS THAT BROADCAST ACROSS THE PLANET--"



"--CHANGING THEIR RELENTLESS STREAM OF HATE-FILLED PROPAGANDA INTO A GLOBALLY BROADCAST PLEA FOR PEACE."





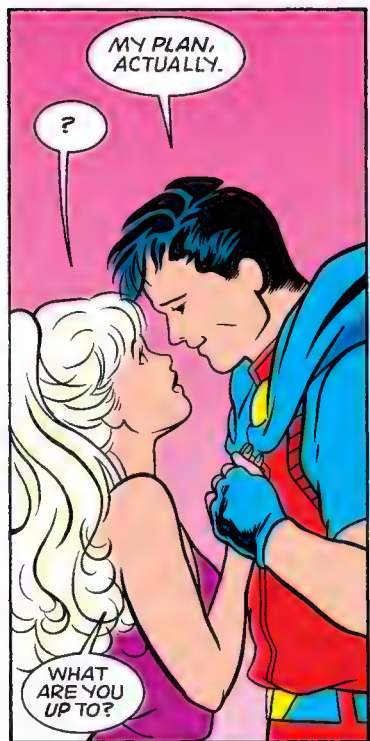
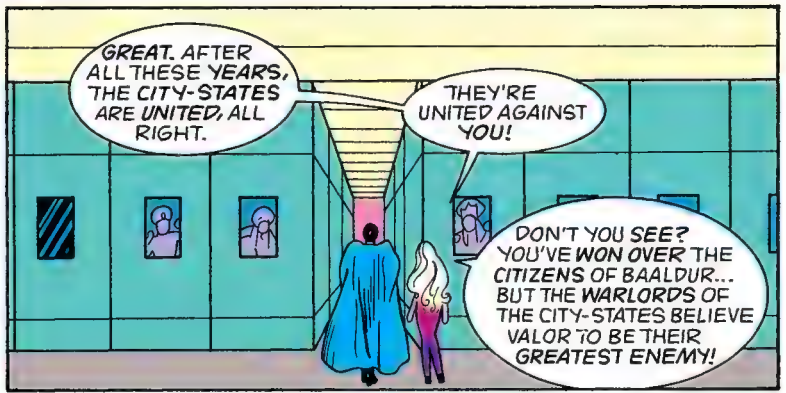
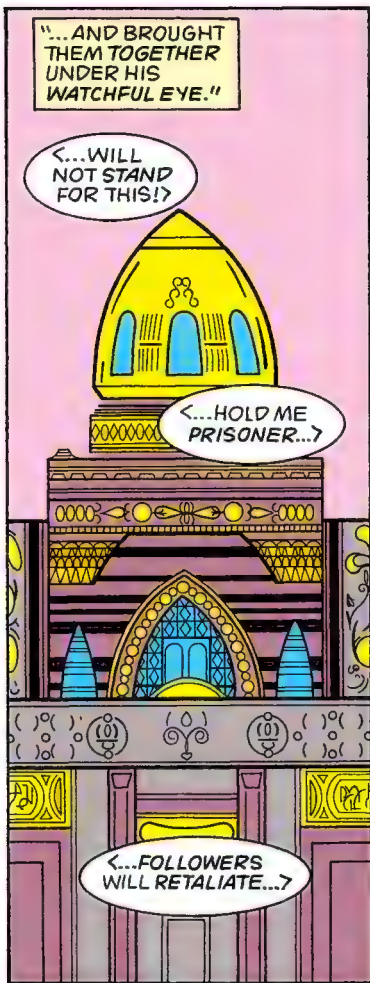


"AND WITH THAT,  
LAR GAND TOOK  
HIS FIRST HOSTAGE."



"BY DAY'S END, HE HAD  
PLUCKED FROM THEIR  
THRONES THE RULERS  
OF BAALDUR'S OTHER  
CITY-STATES..."





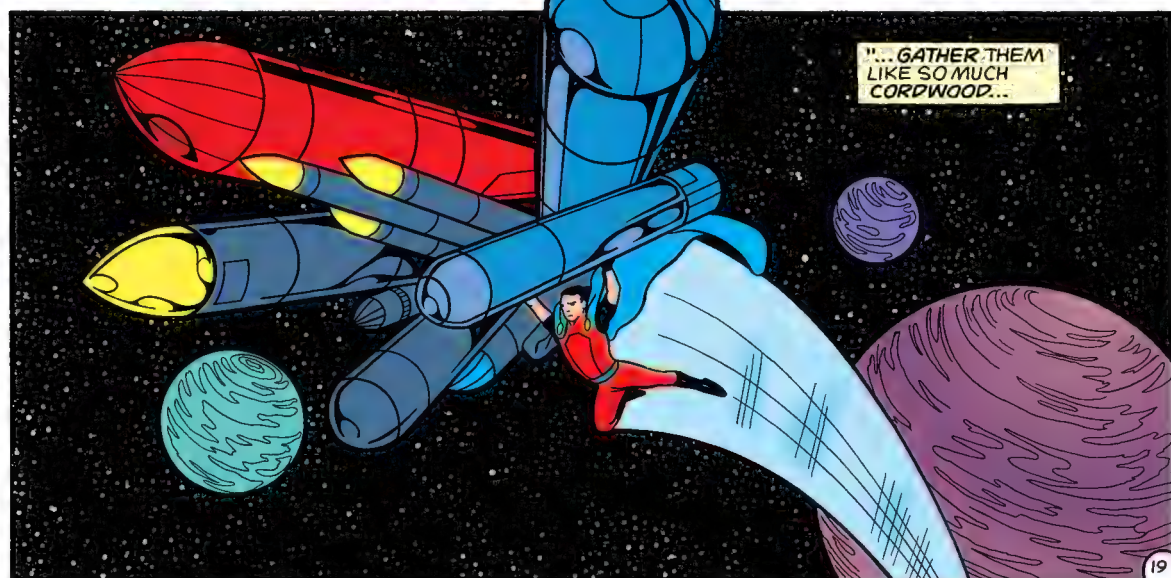
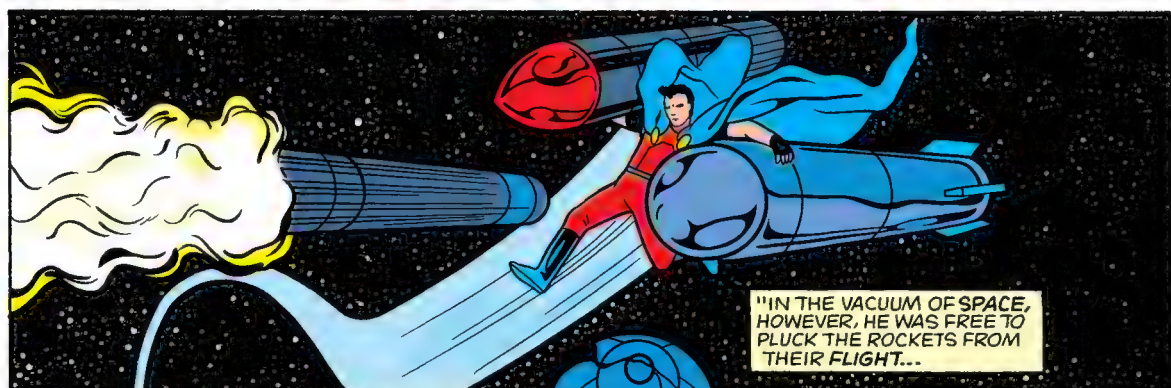
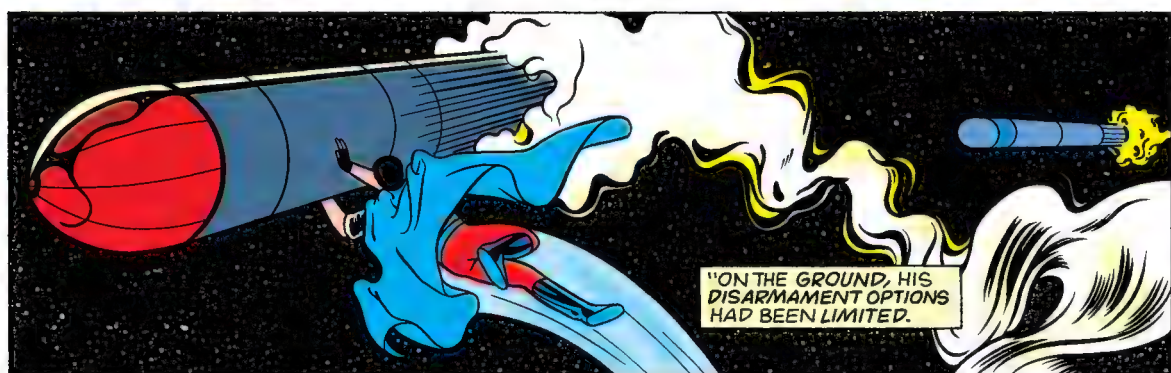


"AND SO HE STOOD, HIGH  
ABOVE THE WORLD,  
WAITING AND  
WATCHING..."

"...CONFIDENT THAT THE  
WARLORDS, PROVOKED  
BEYOND MEASURE,  
WOULD SOON PLAY  
THEIR FINAL HAND."

"HE HAD JUDGED HIS  
ENEMIES WELL."





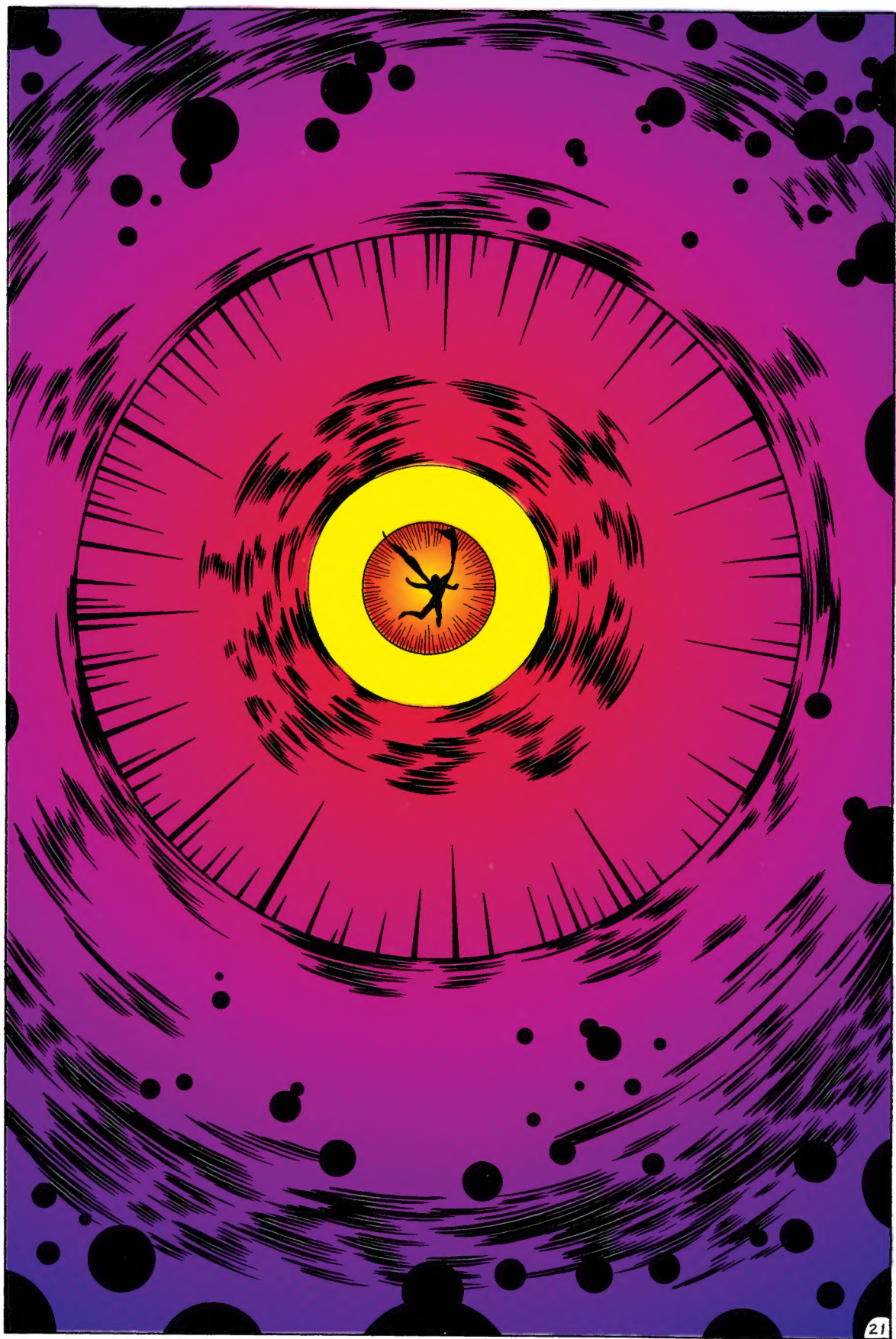


"...AND FLING THEM INTO  
THE HEART OF BAALDUR'S  
SUN, WHERE THEIR ATOMIC  
FURY WOULD BE  
SWALLOWED WHOLE.

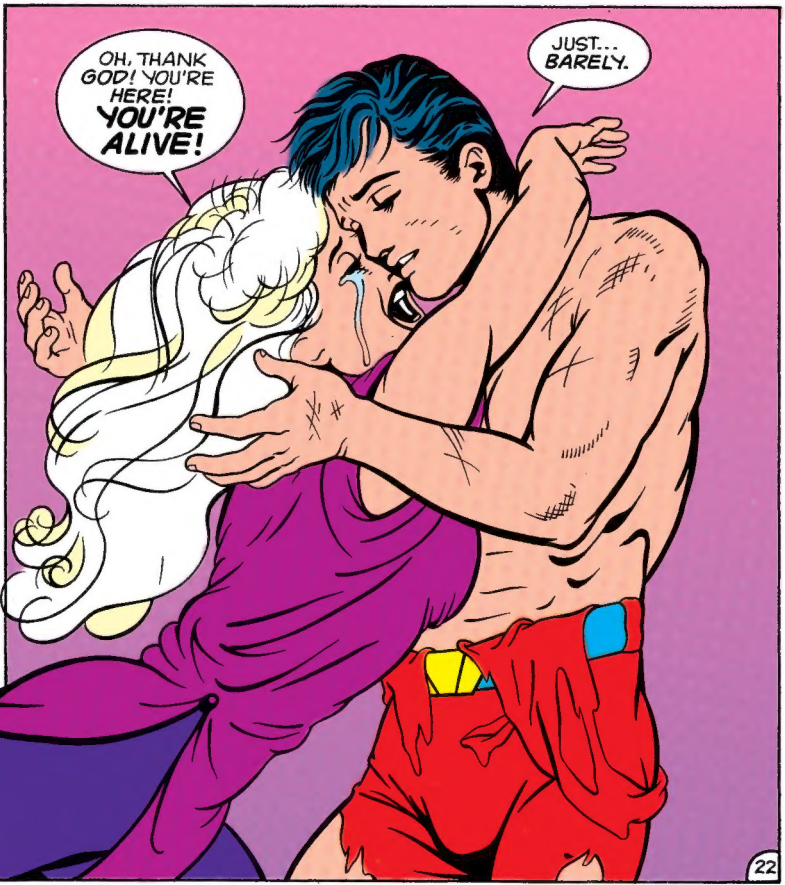
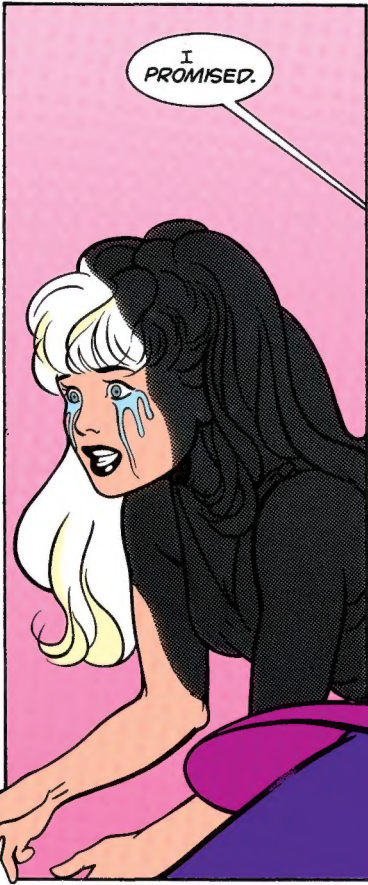
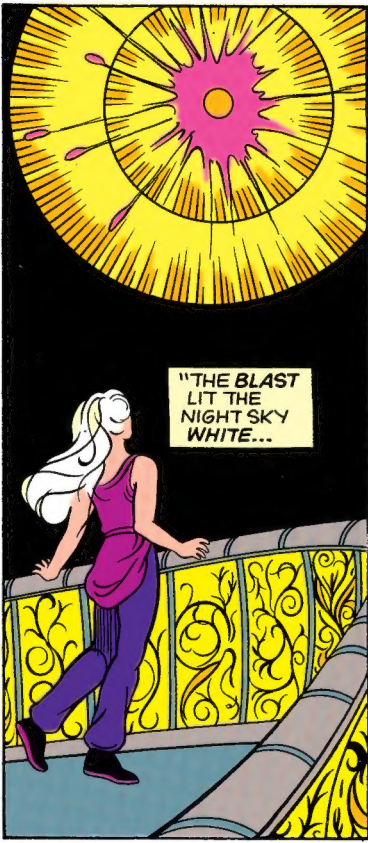
"HIS STRATEGY HAD PAID  
OFF. WITH ONE SWEEP,  
LAR HAD ELIMINATED ALL  
OUR WORLD'S NUCLEAR  
WARHEADS.

"ALMOST ALL."

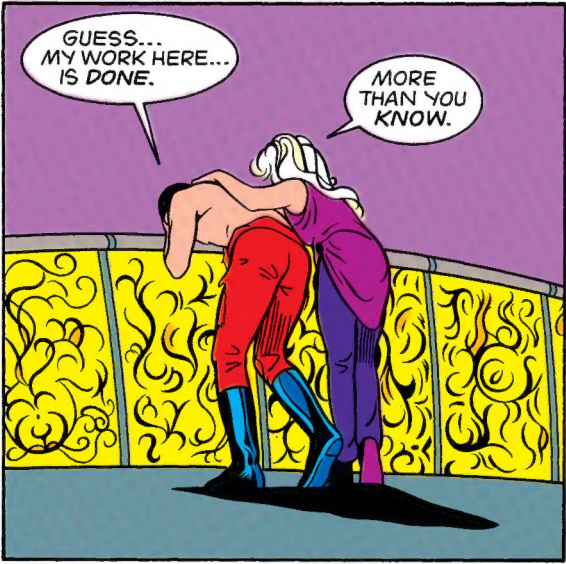






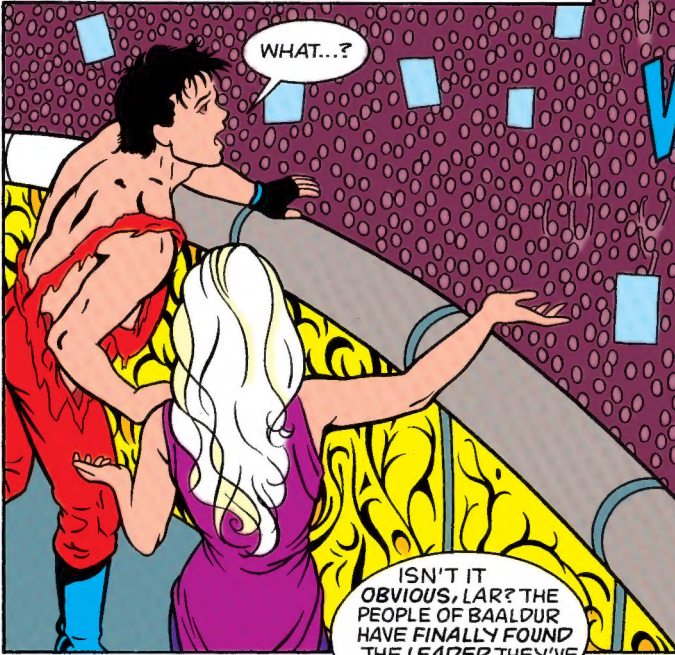






GUESS...  
MY WORK HERE...  
IS DONE.

MORE  
THAN YOU  
KNOW.



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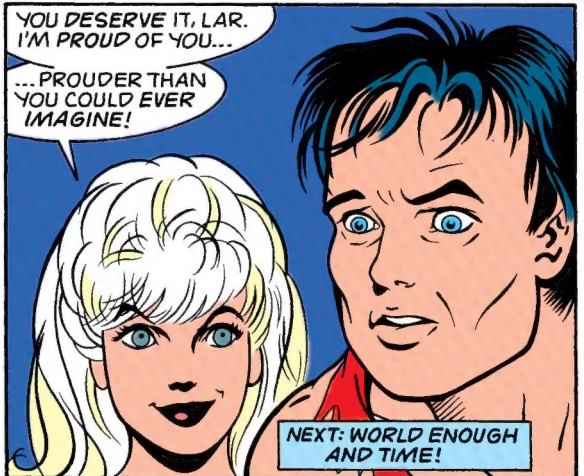
ISN'T IT  
OBVIOUS, LAR? THE  
PEOPLE OF BAALDUR  
HAVE FINALLY FOUND  
THE LEADER THEY'VE  
LONGED FOR...  
IN YOU!

VA-LOR!  
VA-LOR!  
VA-LOR!



CONGRATULATIONS!  
YOU'RE KING OF THE  
WORLD!

BUT...  
BUT...



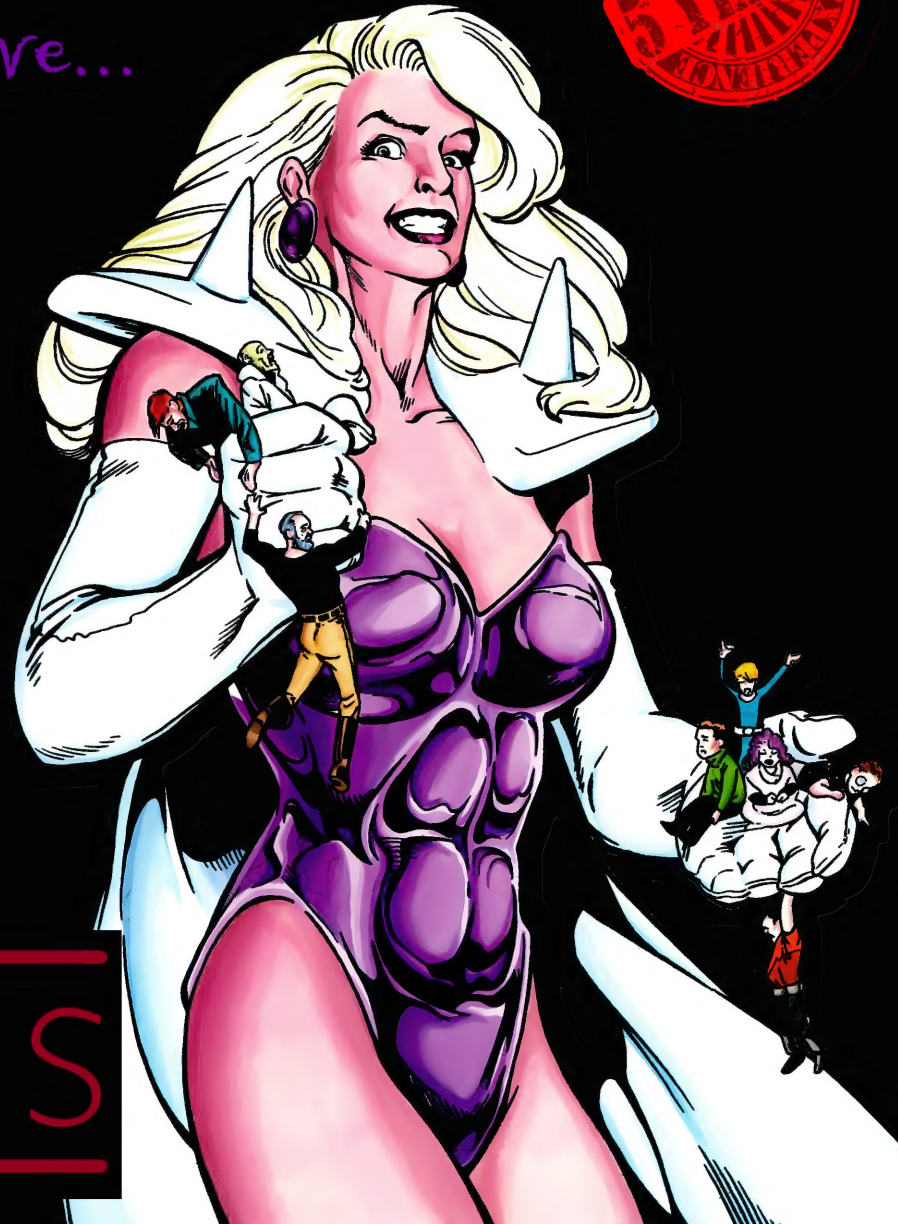
YOU DESERVE IT, LAR.  
I'M PROUD OF YOU...

...PROUDER THAN  
YOU COULD EVER  
IMAGINE!

NEXT: WORLD ENOUGH  
AND TIME!



*From Baaldur, with love...*



GLORITH

NOVUS